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Open Letter to Michigan Legislators,

Americans for a Balanced Budget Amendment, the nation's longest standing, active national organization which has promotion the Balanced Budget Amendment as its sole goal, www.balanceourbudget.com, would like to lend its full support to Senate Joint Resolution V, which calls for a convention for proposing amendments under Article V of the U.S. Constitution, to solely consider a Balanced Budget Amendment for the U.S. Constitution.

Recent national elections have put into office leaders in Washington D.C. who refuse to make the hard choices necessary for our country to balance its budgets and live within its means. For the first 200 years of our nation's existence, our country did a good job of balancing revenue and expenditures, apart from times of major wars. We have gotten away from this to such a degree that in the last five years alone, we have added more to the publicly-held portion of our debt than our nation accumulated in the previous 231 years of our existence! We are now running TRILLION DOLLAR deficits with no realistic plan to rein them in. Surely any thinking person realizes that this is not sustainable. We are headed toward a Greek-like fiscal disaster if we do not start becoming fiscally responsible again.

We urge the State of MICHIGAN to stand with the 17 other states which have already called for a convention to draft a Balanced Budget Amendment to be considered for addition to the U.S. constitution.

Sincerely,

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